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**STATUS INQUIRY**

A national phase application was filed on November 22, 2005. However, since then applicant has not received the **Notice of Missing Requirements** from the Patent Office regarding the application. Inquiry is made as to when the **Notice of Missing Requirements** will be forthcoming. **Please direct any response to this inquiry to Linda Hull at telephone number (703) 816-4127.**

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